Dutch collaboration in development of Food Processing Industries

1614. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dutch Government has shown keenness in the development of Food Processing Industries in India;

(b) if so, the industries in the area of food processing identified by them;

(c) what action is proposed to accelerate the growth, intensity its exports; and

(d) whether any Dutch delegation has visited this country, if so, what are the recommendations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Dutch companies have shown interest in the areas, *inter alia,* of Mush room & Mushroom Products, Poultry Products and Shrimps & Prawns, Fruits & Vegetable Industry and Cold chain for food Industry.

(c) To encourage exports Government is providing fiscal relief and financial/ technical assistance for setting up of units and also for developmental activities ■including participation in trade fair, market promotion, quality control etc., besides simplifying the export-import policies.

(d) A Dutch Team has recently visited the country and had some discussions at Industry level to explore ^possibilities of Joint venture proposals.

एक्सप्रेस राजमार्गों (एक्सप्रेस हाइवेज़) का निर्माण

1615. **श्री राघवजी :** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देशमें एक्सप्रेस राजमार्गों (एक्सप्रेस हाइवेज़) का निर्माण आरंभ किया जाने वाल है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये राजमार्ग कितने किलोमीटर के होंगे तथा इन्हें कहां से कहां तक निर्मित किया जाएगा,

(ग) इनका निर्माण कार्य कब से प्रारंभ होने की संभावना है तथा इन पर कुल कितना व्यय आएगा एवं इनका निर्माण कार्य कब तक पूरा किए जाने की संभावना है, और

(घ) इस संबंध में इस समय क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम0 राजशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) जी, हां । 93 कि0 मी0 लम्बे अहमदाबाद बड़ोदरा राष्ट्रीय एक्सप्रेस मार्ग-1 जिसका कार्य प्रगति पर है, के साथ इस क्षेत्र में शुरुआत की जा चुकी है ।

(ख) से (घ) भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण कुल लगभग 13000 कि0मी0 लम्बाई में सुपर राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों (एक्सप्रेस मार्गों) के लिए व्यावहार्यता अध्ययन करवाना चाहता है और व्यावहार्यता अध्ययन के बाद ही इन मार्गों से जुड़ने वाले स्थानों का पता चलेगा । इसलिए अभी से इस कार्य को शुरु करने तथा इसके पूरा होने तथा इस पर होने वाले व्यय के बारे में बता पाना संभव नहीं है ।

Bringing Ashes of Netaji from Germany

1616. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during his visit to foreign countries he visited Germany especially to discuss the matter with the widow of late Netaji for bringing the ashes of Netaji to India for construction of a Memorial;

(b) if so, details of the discussions he had with her; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The External Affairs Minister visited Augsborg in October 1995 and met the widow and daughter of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. During discussions, EAM invited Prof. Anita Pfaff, daughter of Netaji to be a member of the National Committee to commemorate the Birth Centenary of Netaji. She accepted EAM's invitation. She also conveyed her agreement for return of ashes of Netaji from Japan to India at a suitable time

after due consultations with all parties concerned.

Guidelines to States for Combating Commul Menace

1617. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued comprehensive guidelines to all the Chief Ministers/Lt. Governors for combating communal menace in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines of the said guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. M. KAMSON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The guidelines, inter-alia, cover such aspects as the collection of intelligence, taking of preventive actions, immobilisation of anti-social elements, control and regulation of processions, use of loud-speakers, formation of district integration/Ekta Committees, action on illegal possesssion of arms, setting up of Special Courts, management of essential services, etc., and relief and rehabilitation measures to be taken up after the riots.

Associated Gas Produced in Assam

1618. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of associated gas produced on-shore in Assam during the period from 1970 to 1994;

(b) how much of the produced gas was flared and its value;

(c) what steps are being taken to utilise this gas;

(d) whether inspite of the flaring, Fertilizer Units of HFC and Assam Petrochemicals are facing acute gas shortage; and

(e) whether revival of gas based sick units as above where human and financial resources are already sunk in, is not getting the priority from ONGC and OIL; if so, the reasons therefor, and if not, the reasons of the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The required particulars are given in the statement *(see* below).

(c) ONGC and OIL are setting up necessary compression and transportation facilities to bring flaring down to the technically minimum level.,

(d) The current supply to HFC, Namrup is around 0.9 MMSCMD against the allocation of 2.21 MMSCMD and the supply to Assam Petrochemical 0.11 MMSCMD against the allocation of 0.14 MMSCMD.

(e) The important reasons for the shortage of gas include the following:—

(i) Most fields have entered the declining phase in production.

(ii) Frequent disruptions in power supply.

(iii) Environmental problems leading to delays in development projects, etc.